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1. A method of sharing an image object located on a server comprising the steps of:
 - receiving image data representing an electronic image;
 - storing the received image data;
 - 5 associating an identifier with the stored image data;
 - receiving an address for at least one recipient, the address specifying the location to send a message;
 - generating a message including the identifier; and
 - 10 sending the message to the address for at least one recipient,whereby the at least one recipient can receive the message containing the identifier for the object.
2. A method of creating an image object on a server comprising the steps of, at the server:
 - receiving data representing an electronic image;
 - storing the received electronic image data;
 - manipulating the stored electronic image data; and
 - 15 generating an image object, the image object containing at least a portion of the manipulated stored electronic image data.
3. The method of claims 1 or 2 wherein the step of receiving the data representing an electronic image comprises uploading a file containing the data representing the electronic image from a client computer.
- 20 4. The method of claims 1 or 2 wherein the step of receiving the data representing an electronic image comprises receiving an email message containing the data representing the electronic image.
- 25 5. The method of claims 1 or 2 wherein the step of receiving the data representing an electronic image comprises transferring a file containing the data representing the electronic image from a second computer.
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6. The method of claims 1 or 2 wherein the step of receiving the data representing an electronic image comprises transferring a file containing the data representing the electronic image via an electronic file transfer protocol.

5 7. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of manipulating the stored image data further comprises at least one operation selected from the set of operations comprising:

scaling, rotating, centering, mirroring, filtering, formatting, compressing, decompressing, color correcting, compositing, cropping, blurring, captioning, adding motifs, adding visual effects and combinations thereof.

10 Sub 8. A system for generation of a display including image comprising:

a server computer having:

at least one CPU,

a storage device,

an input interface for receiving user information, and

a communications interface adapted for exchange of information between computers,

the CPU adapted by a program to:

input user information from the input interface, the user information including electronic image data and destination data specifying at least one destination;

store the user information in the storage device;

process the electronic image data;

25 generate the display including at least a portion of the processed electronic image data;

associate an identifier with the display;

create a message including the identifier; and

send the message via the communications interface to the at least one destination specified by the destination data.

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9. The system of claim ~~8~~¹ wherein the storage device further comprises long term storage and short term storage.

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5 10. The system of claim 9 wherein the CPU is further adapted to store the display in the storage device and associate the identifier with the display stored in the storage device.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein the input interface is a client computer connected to the server.

10 12. The system of claim 11 wherein the client computer is connected via the communications interface.

13. The system of claims 8 or 12 wherein the communications interface is a network adaptor for interfacing to a network.

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14. The system of claim ~~8~~¹ wherein the CPU is further adapted to process the electronic image data via at least one operation selected from the set of operations comprising:

scaling, rotating, centering, mirroring, filtering, formatting, compressing, decompressing, color correcting, compositing, cropping, blurring, captioning, adding motifs, adding visual effects and combinations thereof.

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25 15. The system of claim 8 wherein the CPU is further adapted to transmit the display associated with the identifier in response to a request including the identifier received via the communications interface.

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